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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00.

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-1529.</u>

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